

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 466

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Joe Burchfield of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Joe R. Burchfield, a member of the House of Representatives of the 96<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly, who served from 1989 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Joe R. Burchfield was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens and his constituents of the 13<sup>th</sup> House District; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 1989, Mr. Burchfield won a special election to the House of Representatives, where he rendered sterling service as a member of the Conservation and Environment Committee and the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, born on February 4, 1937, in Knox County, Joe Burchfield was the son of Ray E. and Anna M. Arrowood Burchfield and attended schools in Washington and Carter counties; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Burchfield was a 1958 graduate of the Air Force Academy and served ten years of active duty, including two tours with the Far East Command, before receiving his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, furthering his education, he attended the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, Oklahoma, East Tennessee State University, and the American Institute of Banking, where he completed a standard degree in 1977; and

WHEREAS, a retired banker and businessman, Mr. Burchfield was the former owner of Big Bear Vending and CJE Auto Sales, and formerly served as a member of the board of directors of the American Banking Association and the American Institute of Banking; and

WHEREAS, during his lifetime he was a member of the board of directors of the Fountain City Jaycees, a past president of Toastmaster International, past vice president of Holston Sertoma Club, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 160; and

WHEREAS, lending his time and talents to volunteer work with area youth organizations, Mr. Burchfield served a number of years as a scoutmaster and committee chairman with the Boy Scouts of America and served as a football coach for North Knoxville Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, a member of Fairmont Presbyterian Church for over twenty years, Joe Burchfield was a former member and deacon at Arlington Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Mr. Burchfield is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Jean Heatherly Burchfield; his son, Joe Burchfield, Jr.; his grandsons, Bradley Burchfield and Brett Burchfield; and his brother, Gary Burchfield; and

WHEREAS, Joe Burchfield leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our former colleague, Representative Joe R. Burchfield, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant, and human being, and commend his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative Burchfield.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.